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REMARKS

The Applicant acknowledges that the election requirement is made final and thus non-elected independent claim 43 should be canceled. In accordance with this indication, independent claim 43 is now canceled, without prejudice, from this application.

Next, the noted claims are objected to for the reasons noted in the official action. The above requested claim amendments are believed to overcome all of the raised informalities as well as other informalities detected by the Applicant upon further review of the claims of this case. If any further amendment to the claims of this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place all of the pending claims in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,



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